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Staff meeting this morning.

Afterwards Harold Linder, who has done excellent work here, was sworn in as Assistant Secretary of State replacing Willard Thorp.

Dean left on the Independence for Paris at 1:30. We went to the airport to see him off. The French, Italian, Luxembourg, and other Ambassadors with their wives were there. Marie and Averell Harriman and John Snyder went off with them.

Afterwards, Avis and Chip came back with us, and we had lunch at the house.

I had a meeting this afternoon with Messrs. Linder, Schaetzel and McWilliams and we talked over [redacted] economic problems.

Later, Messrs. Matthews, Humelsine, Scott, Armstrong, Bohlen, Boykin, Bonbright, Barbour, Ford, Hughes and O'Connor met with me and reviewed the case of two American citizens now living in Austria who are to be tried for espionage. The question of whether they shall be tried in Austria or here remains to be settled. Together with it is involved the activities of Mr. Novikov, one of the Secretaries at the Soviet Embassy in Washington, who received data turned over by them through a controlled agent in Washington. The State Department expects to declare Novikov persona non grata and force him to leave the country as soon as the necessary clearances are obtained through the Department of Justice and the security agencies.

Mr. Kazanjian, who was so kind to us in Lisbon, tells me that E.'s aunt, Lady Ramsey, has seemingly completely recovered from cancer.

We went tonight to the Theatre Guild performance of "Point of No Return" with Henry Fonda in the lead.

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